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REASON:

Via AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

DATE OF REVIEW: 8/10/1982

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (61-7582)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (62-1662)

SUBJECT: "OPERATION ABOLITION"

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On 8/9/60, [REDACTED] orally advised SA JOHN S. TEMPLE that GOODWIN KNIGHT, former Governor of the state of California, would appear as moderator of the GOODWIN KNIGHT show to be televised over KCOP, Channel 13, Los Angeles, California, from 10:30 p.m. to 12 midnight 8/9/60.

The informant also advised that appearing as guest of Governor KNIGHT would be the following individuals, all of whom came to Southern California for the purpose of protesting the motion picture entitled, "Operation Abolition." These individuals were identified by the informant as follows:

[REDACTED] student, University of California;

[REDACTED] student; [REDACTED] student;

Professor [REDACTED] San Francisco State College.

Also appearing on the program, according to the informant, would be EARDY ADAMS, attorney-at-law, Los Angeles; Dr. HAROLD FISHMAN, political scientist, Los Angeles State College; and an HCUA representative--possibly WILLIAM A. WHEELER.

On 8/9/60 at 10:30 p.m., GOODWIN KNIGHT's program was viewed by SA TEMPLE, at which time it was determined that the individuals named by the informant would in fact appear with GOODWIN KNIGHT. In brief, Professor [REDACTED] questioned the validity of the motion picture "Operation Abolition."

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He charged WHEELER with being responsible for the failure of the students to witness the hearings of the HCUA in May 1960. He contended the Committee's policy of issuing white cards to a selected few triggered the disturbances and demonstrations that occurred. He conferred with Sheriff CARBURY (ph.) urging him to secure a larger hall but was assured by the sheriff that nothing would happen. He attempted to reveal why the teacher hearings which were scheduled in 1959 were cancelled but was thwarted in this attempt by KNIGHT.

[redacted] who was arrested during the riots in San Francisco, advised the students caused no violent acts prior to having the fire hoses turned on them. He also contended that the practice of the House Committee in issuing white cards to selected groups was responsible for the student rebellion.

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[redacted] charged that the film "Operation Abolition" was distorted commenting that events that occurred on Friday were shown in the film as events that occurred on Thursday. [redacted] acknowledged leading songs, clapping and similar demonstrations among the students which he claimed were done in opposition to WHEELER's system of issuing passes.

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[redacted] was identified by [redacted] as one of those individuals who led the sit-down by the students. [redacted] claimed that the HCUA, although it may have been constituted by Congress, did not have its legality upheld by the Supreme Court.

[redacted] and [redacted] joined the discussion at approximately 11:00 p.m. [redacted] claimed to be an officer of a newly-constituted student group entitled "Students Civil Liberties Union," which organization he claimed was certified by the University of California but not recognized by the University. [redacted] announced he had been arrested by the police during the course of the riots and claimed hoses had been turned on the students without prior warning. He was one of those who sat down in the hall of City Hall with his hands in his pockets. He claimed there were two sit-down demonstrations which were organized by two or three people, whose names he refused to divulge with the exception of [redacted]

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It should be noted that GOODWIN KNIGHT, EARL ADAMS and WILLIAM A. WHEELER, together with Professor FISHMAN, attempted to make clear to the television audience the many discrepancies in the statements made by the guest speakers.

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On 8/10/60, [redacted] confidentially advised that GOODWIN KNIGHT had been told several days prior to the broadcast not to "wallow" with these people. In this connection, the informant advised that following the 8/9/60 broadcast at 12 midnight SEYMOUR "MIKE" MEYERSON (1427 Coronado Terrace, Los Angeles) approached Governor KNIGHT and during the course of the conversation which ensued KNIGHT called him a "third-generation communist." MEYERSON asked him how he knew this and on what did he base his statement, and KNIGHT responded that he had received the information from Chief PARKER (Los Angeles Police Department).

The informant advised he had been in contact with KNIGHT prior to a broadcast which appeared on 8/8/60 and which featured MEYERSON and the son of JOSEPH HITTELMAN. At this time, the informant advised he furnished KNIGHT with meager documentation concerning MEYERSON, namely that he was a Labor Youth League member at one time but stressed he had never been a member of the CP. The informant stated he had furnished this statement to GOODWIN KNIGHT at the express instructions of Chief PARKER. The informant stated MEYERSON will no doubt make an issue of KNIGHT's statement inasmuch as the statement was made to MEYERSON in the presence of a number of MEYERSON's friends and associates.

The Bureau will be kept fully advised of any action MEYERSON might bring against GOODWIN KNIGHT.

[redacted] on 8/10/60 advised that MIKE MEYERSON and students [redacted] and [redacted] appeared at the office of the Citizens Committee for Preservation of American Freedoms, Los Angeles, where they conferred with FRANK WILKINSON for approximately one hour. They ordered 10,000 copies of a leaflet featuring excerpts of JAMES ROOSEVELT's HCUA abolition speech which will be forwarded to [redacted] Berkeley, California.

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Length 6.50 inches

Width 3.70 inches

Thickness .0045 - .0046 inches

Q2 - Q7 - Six sheets of white air mail paper
bearing no watermark -

Length 7.92 inches

Width 4.96 inches

Thickness .0022 inches

Letter to SAC, S^An Francisco
RE: COMMUNIST AGITATION DIRECTED AT
HCUA HEARINGS
61-7582

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Anonymous letters postmarked 7-18-60 and 7-22-60 attack the Director's views regarding the communist-inspired riots at the HCUA hearings held in San Francisco, May 12-14, 1960. Since the writers of these letters are following the CP line in regard to the HCUA riots, it is felt that efforts should be made to determine their identities so that appropriate investigation may be initiated concerning their activities.

RECORDED 7/25/60
E.R.H.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

61-14582-4565

Re: **ANONYMOUS LETTER** LATENT
DATED 7-18-60, FROM
SAN FRANCISCO REGARDING COMMUNIST PARTY
INSPIRED DEMONSTRATIONS IN SAN
FRANCISCO 5-13-60

File #
Lab. # **D-342220 HV**

NO LAB DILE

Examination requested by: **Bure au** Memo 7/21/60

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Examination requested: **Document-Fingerprint**

Date received: **July 21, 1960**

Result of Examination:

Examination by: **7/21/60**

1. No ident Q1-47 A&F - added. (37 Calif. Bureau Lab.)
2. No ident Q1-47 National Security File. (Domestic 1A)
3. Q1-47 examined for latents but none of value were found or developed.
4. Physical characteristics noted. To ~~all information contained~~
~~herein is unclassified~~

Specimens submitted for examination

**ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 3/19/02 BY SP66018/DP
12/16/93 9803R00/80
340-771**

Q1- An air mail envelope addressed to "J. Edgar Hoover F.B.I. Washington, D.C." which is postmarked "San Francisco, Calif. JUL 18 6-PM 1960"

Q2- First page of accompanying ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{six} page letter begins "Dear Mr. Hoover You informed..."

Q3- Second page of accompanying page letter begins "... American people have a right..."

Q4- Third page of accompanying letter begins "... civilized person, a man?"

Q5- Fourth page of accompanying letter begins "... knocking him ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ senseless?"

Q6- Fifth page of accompanying letter begins "... allowed to indulge..."

Q7- Sixth page of accompanying letter begins "P.S. I prefer to remain..."

Memorandum from Mr. Tamm
7/26/60

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ROLL 652	DATE 7/25/60
FRAME 125-135	
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SAC, San Francisco (100-36985)

August 17, 1960

REC-4 Director, FBI (61-7582)

COMMUNIST AGITATION DIRECTED AT
 HOUSE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN
 ACTIVITIES HEARINGS, SAN FRANCISCO
 MAY 12-14, 1960

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DATE 3/19/02 BY 70661A (PV)

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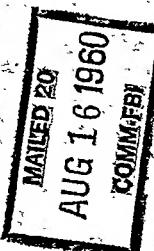
12/6/93 337-007

There is enclosed for San Francisco one Photostat each of two anonymous letters, postmarked 7-18-60 at San Francisco, California, and 7-22-60 at Riverside, California, which were received at the Bureau and which relate to captioned subject matter. There is also enclosed for Los Angeles a Photostat of an anonymous letter postmarked 7-22-60 at Riverside, California.

The handwriting appearing on the envelope and letter of the communication postmarked 7-18-60 was searched through the National Security and Anonymous Letter files without effecting an identification. This letter and envelope were also examined by the Latent Fingerprint Section, but no latent impressions of value were developed.

The typewriting on the envelope and letter of the communication postmarked 7-22-60 has been compared with standards on file in the FBI Laboratory and found to conform most closely to a standard for the Royal elite style type. The typewriting was searched through the National Security and Anonymous Letter files without effecting an identification. This communication was also examined by the Latent Fingerprint Section and two unknown latent fingerprints of value were developed.

In the event your offices uncover any information which might identify the writers of these anonymous communications, you should promptly advise the Bureau and, if appropriate, a request should be made of the FBI Laboratory to conduct any additional examination which may be necessary to identify the writers of these communications.

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Enclosures (2)

Los Angeles (Enclosure)

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